

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed comprising:

passing an elongated strap around said patient wherein said strap comprises a lower end and an upper end;

attaching said lower end to a bed rail;

grasping said upper end; and

pulling said upper end toward said bed rail whereby said patient rolls towards said bed rail.

2. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 1 wherein said lower end comprises an attachment device.

3. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 2 wherein said attachment device is a snap.

4. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 1 wherein said upper end comprises a handle.

5. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 1 wherein said elongated strap further comprises padding.

6. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 1 further comprising prior to said pulling: passing a second elongated strap around said patient wherein said second elongated strap comprises a second lower end and a second upper end; attaching said second lower end to a bed rail; and grasping said second upper end.

7. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 6 wherein said second lower end comprises a second attachment device.

8. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 7 wherein said second attachment device is a loop and hook device.

9. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 6 wherein said second upper end comprises a handle.

10. (original) The method for rotating a patient to one side in a bed of claim 6 wherein said elongated strap is at a

nipple line and said second elongated strap is at a buttocks of said patient.

11. (original) A method for assisting a patient to rise from a sitting position to a standing position comprising the steps of:

an assistor passes an elongated strip around said patient below the arms and above the waist of said patient wherein said elongated strip comprises a first end and a second end;

said assistor grasps said first end of said elongated strip with a first hand and said second end of said elongated strip with a second hand such that each said hand is below the arm of said patient;

said patient grasps each arm of said assistor with a hand; wherein as said assistor rises from a crouch position said patient rises to a standing position.

12. (original) The method for assisting a patient to rise from a sitting position to a standing position of claim 11 wherein said first end comprises a handle.

13. (original) The method for assisting a patient to rise from a sitting position to a standing position of claim 11 wherein said second end comprises a handle.

14. (original) The method for assisting a patient to rise from a sitting position to a standing position of claim 13 wherein said handle is removable.

15. (original) The method for assisting a patient to rise from a sitting position to a standing position of claim 14 wherein said strap comprises an attachment device.

16. (original) The method for assisting a patient to rise from a sitting position to a standing position of claim 15 wherein said attachment device is a hook and loop device.